

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1: (Currently Amended)      A method ~~for applying an annotation file~~ comprising:  
automatically identifying ~~at least one~~ plurality of desired portions of a multimedia presentation by user's equipment;

~~said equipment automatically creating, at the user's equipment, an annotation file for the multimedia presentation, the annotation file containing at least one a first pointer corresponding to a first desired portion of the plurality of desired portions and a second pointer corresponding to a second desired portion of the plurality of desired portions, wherein the first desired portion and the second desired portion is separated in the multimedia presentation by an intervening portion the at least one desired portion of the multimedia presentation; and~~

~~using the at least one plurality of pointers ~~for to~~ automatically presenting only the one or more plurality of desired portions of the multimedia presentation identified as being desired to a user while eliminating without presenting any other portion of the multimedia presentation including the intervening portion, wherein the second desired portion is displayed automatically after the first desired portion without user interaction and without displaying the annotations.~~

Claim 2: (Currently Amended)      The method ~~for applying an annotation file~~ of claim 1 further comprising:

creating a recorded program file of the multimedia presentation;

playing the recorded program file on a viewing system; and

accessing the annotation file such that only the ~~at least one~~ plurality of desired portions of the multimedia presentation is displayed by the viewing system automatically.

Claim 3: (Currently Amended)      The method of claim 1, wherein ~~identifying at least one desired portion of a multimedia presentation~~ the automatic identification of the plurality of desired portions includes applying a predetermined set of criteria to the multimedia presentation.

Claim 4: (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined set of criteria ~~are~~ is based upon a preference of an individual viewer.

Claim 5: (Currently Amended) The method for applying an annotation file of claim 1, wherein the annotation file further contains: information related to the ~~at least one~~ plurality of desired portions of the multimedia presentation.

Claim 6: (Currently Amended) A method ~~for applying an annotation file comprising:~~  
broadcasting an event to a first location;  
simultaneously identifying ~~at least one~~ plurality of desired portions of the event at a location remote from said first location;  
creating an annotation file for the event substantially simultaneously to said broadcasting, the annotation file containing ~~at least one~~ a first pointer, the at least one pointer corresponding to a first desired portion of the plurality of desired portions and a second pointer corresponding to a second desired portion of the plurality of desired portions ~~the at least one desired portion of the event;~~ and  
transmitting from the location remote from said first location, to a viewing system the annotation file as a transmission that is distinct from the broadcast of the event, the annotation file causing configured the viewing system to automatically display only the plurality of desired portions of the event without displaying the annotations and without displaying any other portion of the event, the second desired portion being automatically displayed after the first desired portion without user interaction.

Claim 7: (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the annotation file is transmitted subsequent to the event.

Claim 8: (Currently Amended) A set-top box including a machine-readable medium including instructions, which when executed by a processor, perform a method, comprising:  
automatically identifying ~~at least one~~ plurality of desired portions of a multimedia presentation by said set-top box;

automatically creating an annotation file at said set-top box for a multimedia presentation, the annotation file containing ~~at least one pointer~~ a first pointer corresponding to at least one a first desired portion of the plurality of desired portions and a second pointer corresponding to a second desired portion of the plurality of desired portions of the multimedia presentation and  
~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ applying the annotation file to the multimedia presentation such that only one or more the plurality of desired portions of the multimedia presentation that were identified are displayed by a viewing system automatically, without displaying the annotations wherein the second desired portion is displayed automatically after the first desired portion without user interaction and without displaying an intervening portion between the first and second desired portions.

Claim 9: (Previously Presented) The set-top box of claim 8, wherein the multimedia is stored as a recorded program file.

Claim 10: (Cancelled).

Claim 11: (Cancelled).

Claim 12: (Previously Presented) The set-to box of claim 8, wherein the annotation file further contains: information related to the at least one portion of the multimedia presentation.

Claim 13: (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

~~a memory;~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_ configured to store;~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_ a recorded program file stored within the memory, the recorded program file created from a multimedia presentation;~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_ an annotation file automatically created by said apparatus without user intervention and stored within the memory, the annotation file comprising a first pointer pointing to a first desired portion of the multimedia presentation and a second pointer~~

~~pointing to a second desired portion of the multimedia presentation; at least one desired portion of the multimedia presentation; and~~

~~one or more computer readable instructions; an annotation management software stored within the memory; and~~

~~a processor configured to execute the annotation management software one or more computer readable instructions, wherein the execution of the annotation management software one or more computer readable instructions causing causes the recorded program file and the annotation file to be accessed such that a display device the apparatus displays causes the automatic display of only the at least one desired first and second desired portions of the multimedia presentation without displaying the annotations, the second desired portion being automatically displayed after the first desired portion without user interaction.~~

Claim 14: (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein ~~the at least one at least one of the first and second~~ desired portions of ~~the~~ a multimedia presentation is determined by applying a predetermined set of criteria to the multimedia presentation.

Claim 15: (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the predetermined set of criteria is based upon a preference of an individual viewer.

Claim 16: (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the annotation file further contains: information related to ~~the at least one at least one of the first and second~~ desired portions of the multimedia presentation.

Claim 17: (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the annotation file further contains: information related to a portion of the multimedia presentation other than the ~~at least one first and second~~ desired portions of the multimedia presentation.

Claim 18: (Currently Amended) A system comprising:  
an editor ~~to configured to~~ automatically create an annotation file without user prompt or intervention, the annotation file containing ~~at least one pointer, the at least one pointer a first~~

pointer and a second pointer corresponding to at least one desired portion to a first desired portion and a second desired portion, respectively, of a multimedia presentation based on at least one predefined set of criterion or criteria;

a first transmission medium to transmit the multimedia presentation to a multimedia viewing system; and

a second transmission medium to transmit the annotation file to the multimedia viewing system such that the multimedia viewing system automatically displays only the at least one first and second desired portions of the multimedia presentation without displaying the annotations, wherein the second desired portion is displayed automatically after the first desired portion without user interaction.

Claim 19: (Cancelled).

Claim 20: (Currently Amended) The system of claim 18, wherein the annotation file further contains: information related to ~~the~~ at least one of the first and second desired portions of the multimedia presentation.